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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

In re:

BED BATH & BEYOND INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 23-13359 (VFP)

(Jointly Administered)

**DEBTORS' APPLICATION IN LIEU OF MOTION IN SUPPORT OF
ENTRY OF STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER
APPROVING LEASE TERMINATION AGREEMENT
WITH METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

¹ The last four digits of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s tax identification number are 0488. A complete list of the Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases and each such Debtor's tax identification number may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at <https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby>. The location of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s principal place of business and the Debtors' service address in these Chapter 11 Cases is 650 Liberty Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083.

TO: THE HONORABLE JUDGE VINCENT F. PAPALIA
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), by and through their undersigned co-counsel, Cole Schotz P.C., and Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Kirkland & Ellis International LLP, respectfully state the following in support of this application (the “Application”), pursuant to D.N.J. LBR 9021-1(b), seeking the approval and entry of the proposed *Stipulation and Consent Order Approving Lease Termination Agreement with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company* (the “Proposed Stipulation”),² a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and respectfully state as follows:

1. On April 23, 2023 (the “Petition Date”), each Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. On April 24, 2023, the Court entered an order [Docket No. 75] authorizing procedural consolidation and joint administration of these Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b). On May 5, 2023, the United States Trustee for the District of New Jersey (the “U.S. Trustee”) appointed an official committee of unsecured creditors pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code (the “Committee”) [Docket No. 218].

2. As of the Petition Date, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, successor-in-interest to Loop Orlando, LLC (“Landlord”) and one of the Debtors were parties to an unexpired lease of nonresidential real property (the “Lease”) for retail store space at The Loop, Kissimmee, Florida, 3212 John Young Parkway, Kissimmee, FL 34741 (the “Premises”).

² Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Proposed Stipulation.

3. Following the Petition Date, the Debtors and Landlord negotiated and entered into a Lease Termination Agreement, the form of which is annexed as Exhibit “A” to the Proposed Stipulation (the “Lease Termination Agreement”). Among other things, the Lease Termination Agreement, provides as follows:³

- (a) upon the Termination Date (defined in the Lease Termination Agreement to be as of July 31, 2023), the Lease shall be rejected and terminated, and all of the Debtors’ interest therein and in the Premises (as defined shall be transferred to Landlord;
- (b) one day after the Bankruptcy Court enters an order approving the Proposed Stipulation, Landlord shall pay to the Debtors the sum of \$100,000.00;
- (c) Landlord shall be restored to possession of the Premises in accordance with the terms of the Lease as of the Termination Date;
- (d) Landlord and Debtors agree to mutually release and waive claims against the other; and
- (e) for the abandonment of any FF&E or other personal property in the Premises as of the Termination Date to Landlord

4. Landlord and the Debtors (collectively, the “Parties”) desire to have the Lease Termination Agreement approved as soon as possible and have entered into the Proposed Stipulation to obtain the Court’s approval thereof.

5. The Debtors submit that the Proposed Stipulation is in the best interest of the Debtors and their estates.

6. This Application is submitted pursuant to D.N.J. LBR 9021-1 (b) in lieu of a motion in support of the Debtors’ request that the Court enter the Proposed Stipulation as presented.

7. No previous application for the relief sought herein has been made to this or any other Court.

³ The terms described in this paragraph are for illustrative purposes only. To the extent there is any inconsistency between the terms set forth in the Lease Termination Agreement and the terms described herein, the Lease Termination Agreement shall control in all respects.

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WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter the Proposed Stipulation, in substantially the forms submitted herewith, granting the relief requested herein and such other relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Dated: July 7, 2023

/s/ Michael D. Sirota

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